

March 20, 1980

SPEAKER MARVEL PRESIDING

CHAPLAIN: I am sure by now that most of us have learned that during the past twenty-four hours both Senator Keyes and Senator Maresh have lost their mothers. We want to remember them in our prayers and other expressions of sympathy and love this day, and express to them and to their families our heartfelt concern. Shall we pray. Almighty God and Father as the saddening news comes of the loss of our friends' families, we would lift up our eyes and remember that beyond the dismal news of these deaths there lies the larger assurance of Your promises, and so to You we commend these friends and their families in this day. So often life comes to us that way, a dismal dreary morning with a forecast of clouds and rain and darkness, and yet by the power of Your truth may we be reminded that around our lives are the everlasting arms of God and from Your word be reminded that following the winter comes the spring. So help us this day to remember that this is the day You have made that we may rejoice, be glad in it and use aright its many sometimes hidden opportunities. Also during these passing days deliver us from the tyranny of trifles that we may give our best thoughts and our best attention to what is important before us, that we may continue to accomplish those things which are worthwhile. Teach us how to listen to the prompting of Your Spirit of truth that we may be saved from floundering in that kind of indecision that wastes time, subtracts from our peace, divides our efficiency, adds to our concerns and multiplies our troubles. May we commend all of these concerns as well as the potentialities of this new day to Your care. Amen.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Labeledz and Pirsch until they arrive. Mr. President, Senators Chambers and Simon until they arrive.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Mr. Clerk, do you want to record.

CLERK: Quorum present, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have any corrections to the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections, Mr. President.

SPEAKER MARVEL: Do you have some items on Number 4?

CLERK: Yes, sir, Mr. President, notice of hearing by the Committee on Committees for March 26.